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SUBJECT:RENEGOTIATION OF US-GOR CULTURAL RELATIONS AGREE-
MENT, 1975 DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM

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1. DEPARTMENT APPRECIATES EMBASSY'S CONSIDERATIONS OF PROPOSED IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM. THIS TELEGRAM RESPONDS TO EMBASSY COMMENTS ONLY.
2. WE HAVE CONTINUED USING EARLIER REFERENCED ARTICLE AND SECTION NUMBERS, ALTHOUGH ENTIRE U.S. DRAFT GENERAL AGREEMENT BEING REVISED (REF B) AND NUMBERING SYSTEM AS WELL AS DRAFT LANGUAGE WILL CHANGE CONSIDERABLY. DEPARTMENT NOW PREPARING REVISED DRAFT SIMILAR TO US-CZECH DRAFT AGREEMENT WHICH WILL INCLUDE EMBASSY VIEWS AS APPROPRIATE. EXPECT TO SEND DRAFT IN NEXT FEW DAYS.
3. FOLLOWING PERTAINS TO 1975 IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM.
SECTION 1 (EDUCATION.) OFFICE OF EDUCATION HAS INFORMED DEPARTMENT THAT CU FUNDS WOULD BE REQUIRED FOR ANY TEACHER

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EXCHANGE PROGRAM. LETTER POUCHED TODAY TO FERNANDEZ

EXPLAINS CU VIEWS AND BACKGROUND OF DISCUSSIONS WITH HEW.

4. CU DOES NOT OBJECT TO EXCHANGE OF CULTURAL SPECIALISTS (SECTION III, ITEM 3.) BUT DOES NOT WISH TO TABLE IN INITIAL PROGRAM PROPOSALS. WE PREFER INSTEAD TO RESERVE THIS AND OTHER ITEMS FOR NEGOTIATION PURPOSES. WE AGREE BFS PARTICIPATION NOT NECESSARY FOR ARTISTIC EXCHANGES THIS TYPE.

5. WE BELIEVE REFERENCE IN THE AGREEMENT TO US BI-CENTENNIAL PROGRAM AT SMITHSONIAN UNNECESSARILY COMPLICATES NEGOTIATIONS SINCE SMITHSONIAN AND GOR ALREADY ENGAGED IN DIALOGUE THIS MATTER. IN ANY CASE, WE PREFER AVOID COMMITMENT TO 1976 ENESCU MUSIC FESTIVAL AT THIS TIME, SINCE FUTURE BUDGET SITUATION NOT PREDICTABLE.

6. FULL TEXT OF OUR DRAFT IMPLEMENTING PROGRAM BEING SENT SEPTEL. ON RECEIPT OF PROGRAM, EMBASSY MAY PRESENT IT TO ROMANIANS FOR STUDY. INGERSOLL

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